

Amendments to the Drawings:

Figure 3 has been amended to bring it into conformance with the specification. In particular, numeral 84 and a dashed lead line have been added to indicate the first end of the elastic band 44. In addition, numeral 44 and its lead line have been removed because two numbers 44 appeared in Fig. 3. Lastly, the dashed lead line from numeral 92 has been shortened to properly indicate the first end of the second elastic band 46.

A copy of Fig. 3 marked in red to indicate the changes is attached along with a corrected replacement of Fig. 3.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amended claims 1, 11 – 13 and 16 – 20, as well as original claims 2 – 9 and 14 and 15, are presented for Examiner Purvis' consideration.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

By way of the Office Action mailed March 21, 2006, Examiner Purvis rejected claims 1 – 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the enablement requirement. This rejection is respectfully **traversed** in view of the amendments to independent claim 1 from which claims 2 – 9 depend.

By way of the Office Action mailed March 21, 2006, Examiner Purvis rejected claims 1 – 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. This rejection is respectfully **traversed** in view of the amendments to independent claim 1 from which claims 2 – 9 depend.

By way of the Office Action mailed March 21, 2006, Examiner Purvis rejected claims 10 – 13 and 16 – 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made and thus unpatentable over EP Patent Number 1 240 881 A2 to Otsubo et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,358,350 B1 to Glaug et al. This rejection is respectfully **traversed** in view of the amendments made to the claims 10 – 13 and 16 – 18.

By way of the Office Action mailed March 21, 2006, Examiner Purvis rejected claims 14, 15 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made and thus unpatentable over EP Patent Number 1 240 881 A2 to Otsubo et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,358,350 B1 to Glaug et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,979,380 B2 to Thorson et al. This rejection is respectfully **traversed** in view of the amendments made to claims 10 and 20.

Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to correct the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph objection. In particular, reference to "said other panel" has been removed. Applicants now believe that independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2 – 9 which depend therefrom are now in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 10 has been amended to recite that the elastic band is attached to the front panel. Likewise, independent claim 16 has been amended to recite that the elastic band is attached to the back panel. In both claims, only one elastic band is present which is attached to

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one of the front or back panels. None of the cited prior art references teach or describe this structure.

Furthermore, dependent claims 11 – 13 and 17 – 20 have been amended to refer to a single elastic band. In view of the above amendments, Applicants believe that claims 10 – 20 are patentably distinct over the cited prior art references and should be allowed at this time.

For the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that amended claims 1, 11 – 13 and 16 – 20, as well as original claims 2 – 9 and 14 and 15, are in form for allowance.

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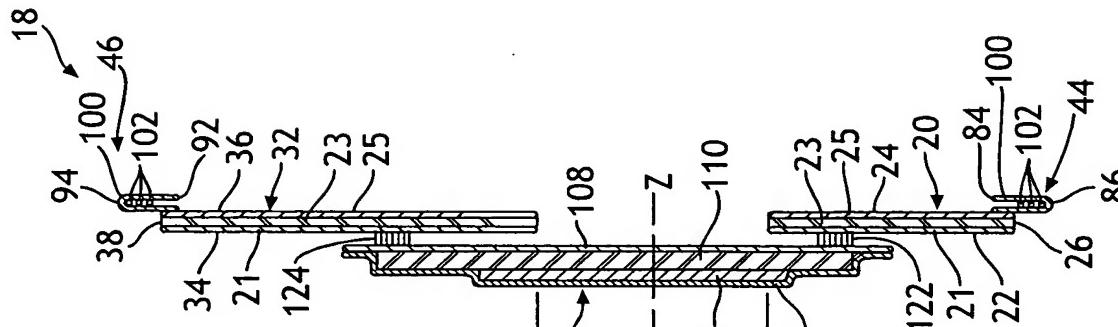


FIG. 4

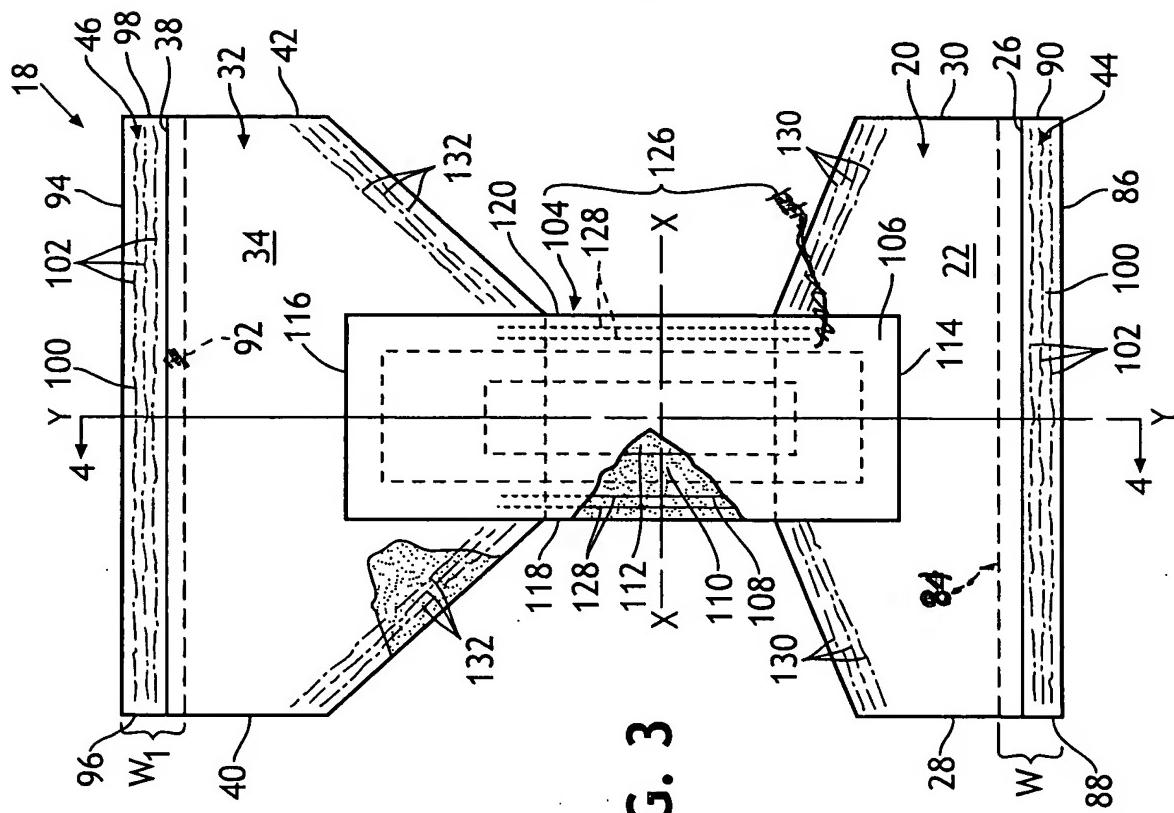


FIG. 3